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William Webster
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Mr. Webster:

This is to inform you that a number of former officers of the CIA and related United States agencies and services have established the Association of National Security Alumni (ANSA). ANSA will work for development of an effective US intelligence system that will employ methods appropriate to a democratic nation.

ANSA's main objective is to eliminate the use of covert operations, especially military and paramilitary operations, as a means for the United States to implement its foreign policy. Indeed, ANSA opposes the use of covert or clandestine operations by any nation. We of ANSA believe, and our belief is shared by many with long experience in intelligence and national security work (Clark Clifford, for example), that covert operations, with their attendant disinformation activities, have damaged the national security and corrupted the intelligence system which is essential to that security. Hence, we will work for strong legislation to prevent the misuse of the intelligence system in activities that violate national and international law and which are contrary to democratic principles.

We share with you concern for the reputation of our country and of its intelligence agencies. We applaud the steps you have taken in the aftermath of the Iran-contra scandal to punish those CIA officers who broke the law and betrayed their trust and the other measures you have initiated to bring the intelligence system you supervise into compliance with law and professed public policy. We believe, though, that there is need for basic change and that unless covert operations (as distinct from the secret gathering of information per se) are renounced as an instrument of foreign policy and binding legislation enacted to enforce that renunciation serious abuses--as in Iran-contra--will inevitably recur.

We hope to have your cooperation in our efforts. We also wish to assure you that, as a matter of policy, ANSA will abide by existing laws and regulations dealing with the publication of classified material and the identification of intelligence personnel. However, we will support our members and others who publicly denounce criminal activity, no matter how highly it is classified or regardless of who the perpetrator

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might be. Moreover, we will oppose legislation or regulations that attempt to deny, on intelligence secrecy grounds, information that the people of the United States or their representatives need to make the informed choices required of the citizens of a democracy.

We look forward to a mutually respectful relationship. Further information can be gotten from ANSA's Washington office, 2100 M Street NW, Suite 607, Washington DC 20037, (202) 955-6273, attention David MacMichael.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philip C. Roettinger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Philip C. Roettinger
Colonel USMCR (ret.)
President ad interim